

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment is a resubmission of the "Amendment to the Claims" section of the Amendment previously filed on September 25, 2003. The Applicant also herein submits a substitute paragraph in the "Remarks" section of the previously filed amendment due to a minor clerical error in referring to one of the claims.

The undersigned attorney was notified by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 10, 2003 that the Amendment filed on September 25, 2003 was deficient under 37 CFR 1.121 in that it did not list the proper status identifier for claims 1, 4 and 11. Applicant now resubmit the "Amendment to the Claims" section of the Amendment with the requested corrections. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment should be entitled to the timely filing of the Amendment filed on September 25, 2003.
